




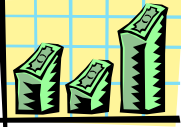




2002-2003 Citywide Priorities

As part of the biannual "Priority Calendar" process, the City Council established overall citywide priorities from the entire workload before the City. The intent is that these are significant projects in terms of the time and resources devoted to them, as well as their visibility and impact on the community. The following chart provides information on the twelve citywide priorities.

ISSUE	CURRENT STATUS
Build a new Fire Station 14	<p>Groundbreaking occurred September 2002 and framing is underway. Construction is expected to be completed this fall. Granada Street between Ralston and Masonic is closed during construction.</p> 
Replace the Police Facility 	<p>A new architect is on board. Council approved the general design in December. Detailed drawings are being finalized. Planning Commission review is expected in March and construction expected to begin in late fall.</p>
Enhance the 101/Ralston interchange	<p>Dedication of the right of way and 95% plans are underway. Construction on the west side is expected to begin as early as summer of 2003, with the east side of the interchange beginning construction in the Spring, 2004 (Redwood City is the lead agency).</p> 
Build a Bike/Pedestrian Bridge 	<p>The City is working with a consultant to prepare plans for the Bike/Pedestrian Bridge project. Final plans should be completed by the end of June. Staff is pursuing a wide variety of grants to get sufficient funds for the entire project, and we hope to go to bid in the Spring, 2004, with construction beginning in the Summer, 2004.</p>
Implement Performance Budgeting	 <p>Approval of all department restructures to the new format is completed for implementation in FY 03-04. All services will be outcome-oriented with quantifiable measures of success.</p>
Begin spending RDA Bond Priorities	 <p>A five-year spending plan for \$4 million was adopted by Council last April. \$1.5 is programmed for FY 02-03. Planning work for under grounding of utilities on Old County Road has begun.</p>

Re-engineer the Development Review Process	<p>The City has implemented nearly all the recommendations of the consultant's report that was prepared in December, 2001. The "one-stop" Permit Center has been open for almost a year, and will be located on the first floor of the renovated City Hall. The Planning Commission is reviewing amendments to the rules for Single Family Design Review.</p> 
Reach Consensus on the Harbor Industrial Area	<p>A Council subcommittee is working with HIA representatives on the key issues. No timeline has been set, but the City hopes to have issues resolved for Council review with the intention of developing a joint application for annexation within the next year or so.</p> 
Undertake a Visioning Process and Update the General Plan	<p>A joint meeting with the City Council and the Planning Commission last October helped to set direction for the Visioning Process and General Plan update. The visioning project will be started this spring, and the General Plan update will follow to tie the work together into a strong, unified statement of Belmont's future.</p> 
 Build a new Library	<p>A grant application for \$10 million was submitted to the State in June 2002. Belmont did not receive funding from the State. Council directed staff to explore options with less funding.</p>
Develop a Low-Moderate Income Housing Strategy	 <p>Belmont is undertaking a variety of actions to support affordable housing. The first major new project is exploring the relocation and renovation of Emmett House. Planning will also begin for the old City Hall site.</p>
Develop Traffic Policies	<p>City staff has been collecting traffic volume and speed data to assess the extent of traffic problems throughout the City. Staff will be making recommended changes to our traffic policies based upon the lessons learned from the Hastings Drive project as well as the traffic data that has been collected.</p> 

Although the City has established a biannual priority setting process, these are the major issues that transcend the six-month timeframe and are the priorities for the Council during its entire two-year tenure (even though some may take longer than 2 years to complete, significant progress is expected in that timeframe).

All items on the Priority Calendar adopted by Council in October are expected to be completed according to the timelines established, but the high priority issues listed above will be those where Council and staff devote focused attention.

Updates of this document and the Priority Calendar are posted on the City Clerk's page of the City's website: www.belmont.gov. For more information on any of these issues, please contact the City Manager's Office at 595-7408 or cmanager@ci.belmont.ca.us.